

### REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to cancel claims 2 and 12, to amend claims 1, 3-9, 11, 13-15, 17, 19, and 21, and to add new claims 28-30.

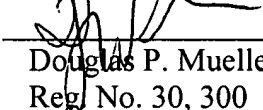
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 455-3804.

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